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PRESS RELEASE

LAUNCH OF TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDITORS

The Council is pleased to inform that Km. Pratima Bhoumik, Hon'ble Minister of State of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has formally inaugurated and launched the training programme to be conducted by the Council of Architecture for Training for Auditors on Universal Accessibility. Hon'ble Minister also unveiled the Books of Abstracts on Training for Auditors on Universal Accessibility. The programme was held on 11th September, 2023 at Nalanda Auditorium, Dr.Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

Prof. Abhay Purohit, President, Council of Architecture made a detailed presentation that COA would train about 100 Master Trainees from about 30 training centres in Schools of Architecture across India as mandated by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Training of Master Trainers would be completed by 15th December, 2023. Further, Mass Training of Architects and allied professionals for certificate programme on Universal Accessibility Auditing would be launched from 26th January, 2024. The President emphasized that target is to train minimum 50000 professionals across India so as to ensure implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

The online training programme for Master Trainers would start from 12th September to 16th September online.

The programme was attended by Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, IAS, Secretary, Shri Rajeev Sharma, IFS, Joint Secretary and other senior officials from DEPwD.

From COA the programme was attended by Ar.Habeeb Khan, Former President, COA, Shri R.K Oberoi, Registrar, Shri Deepak Kumar, Administrative officer, COA and Prof.Jayashree Deshpande, Director, COA-TRC Pune.



Prof. Abhay Vinayak Purohit
President